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1. Mixed maneuvers began on 3 Mar 54, in the vicinity of Kotel, northeast of Sliven. Units engaged were the 36th Motorized Regiment; 19th Motorized Regiment; 23rd, 9th, and 51st Light Artillery; some parachute units. The command was in the hands of Soviet officers.
2. An independent cavalry brigade is stationed at Deduktsh [sic] at Shipka. Associated with it is the 61st Infantry, which is stationed north of Shipka, very probably as part of the 26th Infantry Division.
3. Since the early part of March 1954, packing cases have been transported to the military depots of Tsiraci in the regions of Tsiraci and Gek Pala. These contain hand grenades and other munitions. On 4 Apr 54, 250 kilogram bombs and rockets were arriving at the Tsiraci depot. This depot is well camouflaged by trees. It has an iron framework. Everything is underground and of the most modern construction.

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